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Abstract, line 11

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Allowed claims 10-15 and 18-26  
Claim 10—Amendment 5/5/00, pages 1-2  
Claims 11,12—Amendment 9/8/99, Amended Sheet 8  
Claim 13—Amendment 9/29/99, pages 2-3  
Claim 14—Amendment 9/8/99, Amended Sheet  
Claim 15—Amendment 12/23/99, pages 1-2  
Claims 18-25—Amendment 9/29/99, pages 3-5  
Claim 26—Amendment 5/5/00, pages 2-3

Approval of this certificate is respectfully requested.

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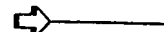
- 1. An arrangement comprising a main computer arranged to store a plurality of different programs, each program representing a respective image, and a plurality of visual information systems, each system having:  
an array consisting of a plurality of individually and selectively energizable light sources arranged in rows and columns;  
a memory for storing a program representative of a predetermined image;  
a controller actuatable to control the selection and sequence of energization of the light sources within a predetermined time span in accordance with the predetermined program stored in the memory, so that a viewer observing the array and being carried past the array at a predetermined speed will observe, immediately following said predetermined time span, the predetermined image as an apparently stationary image occupying an area substantially larger than the area of said array; and  
said main computer being operable to replace the program stored in said memories with one of said different programs stored in said main computer.
- 2. An arrangement according to claim 1 wherein said main computer is programmed to replace the program stored in selected ones of the memories in accordance with the time of day.
- 3. An arrangement according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the computer is programmed to replace the program stored in selected ones of the memories in accordance with a location of their associated arrays.

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- 6. An arrangement according to claim 4 wherein each said sensing means comprises a first infrared transmitter and receiver pair located upstream of the array and a second infrared and transmitter pair located downstream of the array.
- 7. An arrangement according to claim 1 wherein the controller of each said system is arranged to cyclically repeat the energizations specified by the predetermined program at regular intervals.
- 8. An arrangement according to claim 1 wherein the array of each said system consists of light sources of different colors and wherein the predetermined program specifies different durations of energization of the different colored light sources.
- 9. An arrangement according to claim 1 wherein the controller of each said system is arranged to complete one cycle of the predetermined programs within a period of 0.015 seconds.
- 10. An arrangement according to claim 1 wherein the ratio of rows to columns in each said array is 16:1 or greater.

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-- 12. A transport system having a path along which carriers can pass and a visual display system located adjacent said path, the display system comprising a fiber optic array in which one end of a bundle of optical fibers is arranged so that ends of the individual fibers form a vertically elongate array of rows and columns and ends of the individual fibers at the opposite end of the bundle are connected to an electro-optical interface unit, control means for supplying electrical signals to the interface unit to cause the array to display a succession of images and means for controlling the rate at which the control means supplies said signals in accordance with a speed of the carrier past the display system, and within a time frame related to a persistent time of a human retina to light, whereby an observer on the carrier will perceive apparently simultaneously a single horizontally elongate display consisting of said successive images located side by side.

-- 13. A transport system according to claim 12 wherein the control means includes a computer for generating data representative of a desired display, a local data interface for receiving the data, and a processor for processing the received data and storing it in a memory, the processor being arranged to control the interface unit to respond to the data stored in the memory.

-- 14. A transport system according to claim 13 wherein the carrier is a train, the path is defined by a train tunnel, and the array is mounted on a wall of the train tunnel and further comprising an on-board transmitter on a passing train

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to transmit the data from the computer to supply the interface unit with said data.

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a controller supplying electrical signals to the interface unit to cause the array to display a succession of images; and

a monitor controlling the rate at which the controller supplies said signals in accordance with a speed of the carrier past the system, and within a time frame related to a reaction time of a human retina to light, whereby an observer on the carrier will perceive apparently simultaneously a single horizontally elongate display consisting of said successive images located side by side. --

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-- 13. A transport system according to claim 12 wherein the control means includes a computer for generating data representative of a desired display, a local data interface for receiving the data, and a processor for processing the received data and storing it in a memory, the processor being arranged to control the interface unit to respond to the data stored in the memory.

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